

## MOORE IMPROVES MAY YET RECOVER

The condition of Clifford C. Moore, who suffered a gunshot wound in the chest at the hands of his father last Thursday evening, took a decided change for the better last evening and hopes are now entertained for his complete recovery. He is still in a critical condition, however.

The announcement at an early hour this morning was to the effect that the young man had entirely recovered consciousness and was resting easy. His temperature, which had been dangerously high for the preceding 48 hours, was approaching normal.

It is believed by the attending physician, Dr. E. Payne Palmer, that the crisis will be passed within the next 48 hours. His steady improvement during the past 18 hours gives rise to the hope that he will win the fight for life.

## ATTENDS CHURCH: HORSE IS STOLEN

While Robert E. Stearns, Central avenue barber, was attending service with his family at the Baptist church, Fifth and Jefferson streets, last evening, he left his mare and surry hitched to a post outside the church. When the service was over and the Stearns family prepared to ride home, the discovery was made that the outfit was missing. No person could be located who had seen the horse driven away and there was no way of determining who took it or which way they went.

A report of the theft of the rig was made to the sheriff's office and to the police. The mare, a sorrel, weighs about 1,500 pounds, has recently been clipped and has a wire cut near the right front foot. The surry is two seated, entirely black and in good condition. It is believed that the outfit was probably driven into the country and abandoned. Information relative to the finding of the horse and surry should be telephoned to the sheriff's office.

## FORTY IN COURT TRY TEN CENT CASE

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)  
LONDON, Feb. 25.—In these days when England is trying to make the best possible use of every ounce of her man power, many persons find cause for displeasure at the way in which time and money are wasted in some of the cumbersome processes of the English courts. One case cited as a striking example of the wastage of man power in the courts, is that of a bartender put on trial at Windsor for stealing a pot of honey, value ten cents. The case occupied a half day's time of forty persons in the upper court, the ordinary police magistrate having been unable to deal with the case because the man had a record of a previous conviction.

The forty persons whose time was occupied listening to the dry and dusty phrases of the legal red-tape connected with the trial included: the recorder, the mayor, the clerk of the peace, the chief constable, the usher, the doorkeeper, the crown counsel and solicitor, the court stenographer, the prosecutor, three court attendants, thirteen grand jurors, twelve petty jurors and two witnesses. The prisoner was sentenced to one day's imprisonment without referring the case to the jury. The cost of the procedure to the country was estimated at about 200 pounds.

## CONGRESS HAS BUT ONE WEEK TO END WORK

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remain at work for many weeks. Even if ratification of the Colombian treaty should be impossible, the opportunity afforded for changing the long existing rules of the senate is not going to be overlooked by a large group of senators who have been fighting for years to liberalize them. Senator Owens, chairman of the special committee appointed a year ago to revise the rules, is preparing to agitate this subject in the special session, and he will have the aid of some of the progressive republicans in advocating the form of modified clause which would make impossible such filibusters against important legislation as had been threatened and may yet be resorted to in the present government crisis.

Both houses held sessions today for eulogies of dead members of congress.

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## EL PASO TO GREET VISITING STOCKMEN

EL PASO, Tex., Feb. 25.—In order that all cattlemen and others who visit the city during the week of the Panhandle and Southwestern Stockmen's association convention and the Rio Grande Frontier day sports, March 6 to 11, may find ample hotel accommodations, the chamber of commerce has opened an information bureau and is listing all hotels and rooming houses of the better class. The bureau is now being maintained at the chamber of commerce, but when the delegates and visitors begin to arrive, branches will be established at the Union Station and at the leading hotels. All who contemplate coming here at that time to attend the convention or to witness the Frontier day sports, and who have not already made reservations of rooms, are urged to wire George H. Clemens, secretary of the El Paso Chamber of Commerce at once.

## BRITISH SWEEP IN AND OCCUPY SEVERAL TOWNS

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terminated to fix their next line of resistance.

It can be stated that the British now, or soon will be in a position possibly to force the evacuation of Bapaume, which has been the key to the German position since the beginning of the battle of the Somme. The points which already have fallen into the British hands have stood out in the history of the fighting on this front and had been most stubbornly defended. Only a week ago when the British attacked on a two-mile front east and south of Miraumont and the German resistance was bitter and the high ground desired was won only after desperate hand-to-hand encounters and the taking of more than 500 German prisoners.

The British had been waiting for a clearing of the foggy weather before pressing the advance but meantime it is apparent that the German high command decided to retire without any further fighting and to occupy positions prepared well in the rear. Friday night fires were observed in the German front line trenches. They were only visible through the thick mist of the particularly dark night, but it was discovered that the flames issued from burning German dugouts. Patrols sent forward reported the evacuation of German outposts. Similar reports came from north of the Ancre, and by nightfall yesterday the British had established themselves in Petit Miraumont and advanced all along the line, meeting only with sniping resistance here and there.

Today the British patrol pressed forward, keeping in close contact with the Germans, who had retreated a further 2,000 yards during the night. Thus the way was opened to the ground which for months had been contested.

There were bursts of stiff resistance from German obstructing parties which had been scattered in the rear of the retreating columns. Early today a big mine was exploded in the main street of Miraumont just before the British advance patrols entered. It is evident now that the Germans, taking advantage of the last days of the recent heavy frost and hard ground, moved a great many of their guns well back, leaving others forward to keep up a show of resistance. This they had been vainly doing for the past three or four days, firing more rounds than any German guns in recent months. The reason for this is considered as probably a desire to shoot up stores of ammunition which there was no time to remove.

The foggy, misty weather was ideal for the beginning of the German retirement, as it completely hid the purpose of the movement from the prying eyes of the airplanes which otherwise would have daily searched out the German positions.

Germans made prisoners yesterday and today said they had been left behind to walk about and fire their rifles and make as much noise as possible. They were delighted to be relieved from their thankless task.

**Dutch Are Indignant**

LONDON, Feb. 26.—News dispatches from Holland to the London newspapers emphasize the continued indignation among the Dutch by the recent destruction of the Dutch ships by the German submarines. The dispatches say that there is a complete absence of noisy protest, the gravity of the situation having produced "a marked silence, amounting to a sense of solemnity." All reports agree that nothing which has happened hitherto in the war has provoked such an intense feeling.

An Amsterdam dispatch to the Times says:

"Everybody is asking what the government will do. The position is one of extreme difficulty and is engaging the most anxious attention of the government. It is not thought, however, that this new invasion of Dutch rights will lead to war, the Dutch people themselves being anxious to avoid it while the rapidity of the German efforts to mollify the outraged sensibilities of Holland indicates that Germany also is anxious to avoid further complications."

"Shipping interests are extremely concerned and talk of stopping all Dutch shipping is general. It is suggested here that one way of bringing Germany to a sense of her misdeeds would be to seal the Dutch frontier so that Holland could be utilized no longer as a purveyor of foodstuffs for Germany. The expulsion of thousands of German spies and an embargo on the scanty resources of grain would also be wholesome measures. The Dutch, however, are a long suffering people where Germany is concerned and extremely cautious."

A dispatch to Reuters Telegram company from Flushing, says the German UB-30 which stranded on the Dutch island of Walcheren in the North Sea last week, will be dismantled and interned at Flushing. The crew of the underwater boat also will be interned. Lloyd's reports the British steamer Falcon sunk. The Central News identifies the steamer as the Falcon, owned in Cardiff of 2,345 tons gross and built in 1916. It says the survivors will be landed Monday.

From Dutch sources the Reuters Telegram company learns that it was the submarine U-3 which attacked all seven Dutch steamers Thursday. Three were torpedoed outright, while German sailors boarded the other four and placed bombs that were exploded.

**British Steamer Sunk**  
PARIS, Feb. 25.—A war office communication tonight says: "Vessels sunk February 24-25: British steamer Dorothy of 3,805 tons gross."

The British steamer Dorothy was lost reported at Marseilles, January 17. Deputy Gail has urged the government to take measures of reprisal following the receipt of a German wireless announcement that a camp for French and British officers has been established near the royal residence at Karlsruhe to protect the palace against French airplane raids.

## HOUSE MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AT WORK ON PREPAREDNESS LEGISLATION



A new photograph of the house committee on military affairs, which is now framing many preparedness bills to rush through before the break between Germany and the United States develops into anything more serious. The photo shows, left to right, sitting: A. C. Shallenberger, Charles Pope Caldwell, Samuel J. Nichols, T. W. Harrison, Julius Kahn, K. D. McKeller (chairman), S. H. Dent, Adam B. Littlepage, Recorder Stuart, John R. Tilson, Michael F. Farley, William Gordon, J. C. McKenzie, Harry E. Hull, William J. Fields. Standing: D. B. Westcott (messenger), Mark L. Black (clerk), Frank L. Greene, D. R. Anthony, Richard Olney and Percy E. Quinn.

Karlsruhe to protect the palace against French airplane raids.

Definite announcement was made here today that the blockade of Greece would be lifted when King Constantine gives complete satisfaction to the demands of the entente allies.

## FURTHER EXPLANATION THE HAGUE, Feb. 25.—The statement issued yesterday by the German legation here to the effect that the torpedoing of the seven Dutch merchantmen was due "to an extremely regrettable coincidence of circumstances" which is unfortunate, but was beyond our control, contains also an explanation made, it seems, "to prevent erroneous impressions."

It states that in view of the situation of Dutch vessels in English ports the sailing time for these ships was first fixed for February 2, then for February 9 and then for midnight February 10. Finally, "for reasons for which England was to blame," the sailing date was postponed to February 10 or March 1. The only cause for sailing for the vessels was safety from submarines could be absolutely guaranteed was March 17, the statement says, as at that time German submarines would have possessed instructions in regard to these vessels. Even then safety from mines could not be guaranteed, shippers having been warned on February 6 that the danger zone had been mined extensively.

For the same reasons, the statement says, until March 5, relative security, meaning safety dependent on good fortune, will apply to the canal to the west of Denmark, through which Dutch trans-Atlantic shipping must pass.

A large amount of fodder was on board some of the Dutch merchantmen which were torpedoed on Thursday. In consequence of the non-arrival of this fodder it will be necessary to kill a large part of Holland's cattle.

**Sink Twenty-One Ships**  
AMSTERDAM (via London), Feb. 25.—A Berlin dispatch says submarines which have returned to their base report that they have sunk eleven steamships, two sailing vessels and eight trawlers.

**Carries Five Inch Gun**  
BALTIMORE, Feb. 25.—The British steamer Queensmoore, sister ship of the Vedmore, which was torpedoed several weeks ago, arrived today armed with a five-inch gun. This is the largest gun mounted on any ship coming to this port. Captain Hignett said he sailed the day after the Vedmore was sunk. His ship is a battleship gray, a novelty here.

He said the impression in England is that a spring drive is soon to commence and that guns heavier than any yet used on either side are being massed by the British in France. Captain Hignett's son was killed in action.

## IS MADISON SQUARE GARDEN'S NEW BOSS



Grant Hugh Browne.

Madison Square Garden, New York City's huge amphitheater, is now under the charge of Grant Hugh Browne, of Goshen, N. Y., who plans to stage boxing matches there and use it as the home of a National sports club that he will organize. Browne says that he and his associates have purchased the property from the New York Life Insurance Company and the price is reported to be something like \$2,400,000. The Garden is to be rebuilt and the seating capacity increased to the number of as many as 6,000. Three stories will be added and rooms fitted out for the accommodation of the National Sports Club's members.

## FIGHTING MEN WEARING BEARDS

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)

EL PASO, Texas, Feb. 25.—Beards are again being worn by many of the fighting men of the United States army on the Mexican border. Officers and enlisted men of the Pershing punitive expedition are responsible. When General Pershing's troops marched out of Mexico to the border, the famous cavalry commander was cheered by the veterans of the Mexican campaign wore full beards.

Leading the Seventh cavalry, Custer's old command, across the border was Colonel Selah B. H. Tompkins wearing a bushy beard combed straight out from his chin and with waxed and pointed mustaches. As he saluted his commanding officer, the famous cavalry commander was cheered by the crowds in Columbus.

One enlisted man marched with the Sixth infantry wearing a long black beard and leading a Scotch colt by the lead. Many boys in the column were their first beard and the full beard has become a mark of distinction for the punitive expedition.

The national guard troops have adopted the custom and many beards may be seen in the militia camps. The fact that El Paso has increased their rates to twenty-five cents for a shave and fifty cents for a haircut stimulated interest in the new army style and a barber boycott has been started in one militia regiment.

six weeks ago and the boy's mother died from the shock.

## Greek Legation Denies

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—The Greek legation here made public tonight a cablegram from the Athens foreign office describing as false and misleading accounts appearing in the allied press of the landing of allied troops at Athens in December and the events and negotiations which preceded it.

The message said it was untrue that any promise had been given Admiral Lou Fournier in regard to compensation for material yielded to the Bulgars; that the documents in the possession of Fort Rupel were forged; that the Greek king did not refuse to guarantee that order would be kept in the streets; that the city was quiet when the allied forces landed with orders to take possession of commanding heights and that the Greeks did not open fire first in the clash that followed.

## Filling Up Bunkers

HALIFAX, N. S., Feb. 25.—The work of replenishing the bunkers of the steamer Frederick VIII, with former Ambassador von Bernstorff and a large party of Germans from the United States on board, was begun today. Although the authorities decline to make any statements as to when the steamer would be permitted to sail for Copenhagen, it was reliably stated, the examination of passengers, cargo and baggage had been completed. It was reported that the vessel would leave next Tuesday night.

So far as could be learned tonight, nothing of particular interest to the British authorities was found in the party's luggage.

## GERMAN-IRISH LEAGUE MEETS

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)

LONDON, Feb. 25.—A dispatch to Reuters Telegram company from Amsterdam quotes a Berlin message as saying: "The German-Irish league formed here recently has held its first meeting. The league aims at the promotion of relations between Germany and Ireland and it will support all enterprises in this direction."

## WILL ISSUE SCRIP

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)  
SANTIAGO, Chile, Feb. 25.—At a meeting here today of the manager of the banks, and attended by the military governor, it was resolved to issue scrip amounting to 50 per cent of the assets of the banks. The bills are to be taken up 50 days after the present situation is definitely settled. The banks will resume business March 1. Refusal to accept the bills will result in thirty days' imprisonment.

## PRISONER'S WIFE MURDERED

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)  
TOKIO, Feb. 25.—It is reported in the press that the wife of Lieutenant Saldern, a German war prisoner, has been murdered in a house at Fukuoka. Frau Saldern is reported to have been strangled. The lieutenant has been held at the prison camp at Fukuoka since being taken there from Tsingtau after the capture of that place by the Japanese. Frau Saldern rented a house in Fukuoka to be near her husband. She is believed to be a daughter of the German minister of marine, (Vice Admiral Eduard von Capelle).

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## PERSHING WINS WAY INTO HEARTS OF MEN

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)

EL PASO, Feb. 25.—Incidents in the daily life of Major General John J. Pershing, commander of the punitive expedition into Mexico, are being told since the return of the troops.

When he marched out of Mexico a soldier of the command at Columbus, N. M., approached General Pershing while he was waiting to begin the last review of his troops.

"General Pershing, would you shake hands with a buck private in the rank?" the enlisted man asked.

"I have not only shaken hands with thousands but I have slept with them in the field," General Pershing answered, grasping the soldier's hand.

Motor trucks belonging to the expedition were placed at the disposal of the refugee horde which accompanied the expeditionary troops to the border, by order of the commanding general, in order that the little children, the aged and the women who had become mothers on the march might not suffer.

At Esplan, on the march to the border, a little girl shivered beside the camp fire while her mother was on guard duty, in the Mexican desert, General Pershing noticed the animal, and before retiring, threw fresh fuel on the fire. He even arose during the night and kept the fire burning in order that the dog might not suffer.

One General Pershing featured a mule driver because he was feeding

the patient animal's mouth with the lines.

## SALAZAR NEAR JUAREZ; RAID IS THREATENED

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Joan B. Rojo, first secretary of the embassy.

Carranza to Drive Spike  
AHUALULCO, Jalisco, Mex., Feb. 25.—General Carranza came here today from Guadaluajara. He is to drive the first spike in the railroad which is to be built to Chumela and will return to Guadaluajara Wednesday.

## INVITED TO CONFERENCE

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)  
LONDON, Feb. 25.—The German ambassador, Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, is reported by the Exchange Telegraph's Copenhagen correspondent to have invited the ambassadors and ministers of neutral countries to a conference yesterday at the foreign office in which Foreign Secretary Zimmermann took part.

## DISCUSS ECONOMIC SITUATION

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)  
VIENNA, Feb. 24. (Via Amsterdam and London, Feb. 25.)—An important meeting of Austrian and Hungarian ministers at which the economic situation of the dual monarchy was the chief subject of discussion, was held here today. Premier Tisa of Hungary presided in the place of Count Czernin, the Austrian-Hungarian foreign minister, who has not returned from Munich.

## GRACE LANDIS ADMITS SHE 'ROLLED' MAN

Admitting that she "rolled" George Holmes an employe of Shattuck and Simmo, at Chandler, when Holmes took her for a "joy ride" out the Tempe road last evening, Grace Landis, a pretty young woman, who has figured before in police circles, was booked at the police station late last night for investigation. Later the girl, who freely talked of her plight, was removed to the county jail. The arrest of the Landis girl was effected by Policemen McGrath and Strathy after a quick run to Tempe, where it was learned she had gone after making her "touch."

Incidental to the arrest of the young woman, three Phoenix drivers of cars for hire, were taken in custody, and lodged in the city jail, while their alleged connection with the affair is being investigated. The police do not believe that all three were concerned in the trip during which Holmes lost his money, but they are certain that at least one of the young men locked up, not only had knowledge of the events leading up to the parting of Holmes with from \$15 to \$25, but may have acted as a "straw man" for the young woman in taking Holmes to her rooms and introducing him to her.

When taken from a room in a Tempe hotel late last night, the young woman admitted, so it is alleged, that she had taken \$75 from Holmes, but she excused herself for the act on the ground that it appeared he was in danger of losing the money anyhow and she might as well have it as anybody. Holmes says that he lost \$25. When searched the Landis girl had \$60 which she turned over to the police. She said she paid a chauffeur \$20 to take her in record time from Phoenix to Tempe.

## FOR UNIVERSAL PEACE

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)  
PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 25.—An international government similar to that of the United States would solve the problem of universal peace, according to Senator Henri Lafontaine of Belgium, who spoke here today before the members of the Socialist "League of Nations" society. Senator Lafontaine declared this country will have to give the immigration question serious consideration after the war. "People will come here from Europe," he said, "and a condition which now exists between this country and Japan is likely to arise between the United States and the nations of the old world."

## JAPAN NOT FOR WAR

BALTIMORE, Feb. 25.—The Rev. C. S. Reifsnider, president of St. Paul's college, Tokyo, Japan, in an address here today, delivered a message which he said the Japanese vice minister of state had hidden him give the American people. "Japan," read the message, "will never go to war with the United States unless the United States impugns Japan's honor." By "honor" Dr. Reifsnider said the minister had meant such things as the alien laws in California and restrictions on immigration. "I did not consider the message as a threat," said Dr. Reifsnider. "It impressed me as the expression of a people to discuss the United States."

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